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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were cited in a European Search Report mailed July 14, 2003 for a corresponding application. A copy of that search report is enclosed.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. The information disclosed herein was cited in a search report from the European Patent Office for a corresponding application. A copy of that search report is enclosed herewith. US-6,392,148 is a family equivalent of EP-1 157 892.

An English translation or abstract of DE-3333709 is not available to the Applicant. However, the "Kategorie" designation for that patent on the enclosed EP Search Report is submitted to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood, of that document.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103, and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicant does not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Certified copy of a European application, Serial No. 03450030.6, filed January 29, 2003, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119

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